UNITED
NATIONS

S

Security Council

Distr.
GENERAL

S/1996/114
15 February 1996

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

LETTER DATED 15 FEBRUARY 1996 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF GEORGIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith a statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia, dated 13 February 1996, regarding the continuous harassment of the Georgian population in the Gali region by the Abkhaz authorities.

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating this statement as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Peter CHKHEIDZE
Permanent Representative

96-03658 (E) 150296
9603658

/...

Annex

Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia
dated 13 February 1996

A shocking new fact of gross violation of the Georgian population in Gali (Abkhazia) has become known.

On 9 February 1996 an Abkhaz armed group took 70 people of Georgian nationality (former refugees who had returned to their homes) as hostages, women and children among them.

Harassment of the Georgian population by the Abkhaz separatists in this region continues, despite the deployment of the Russian peace-keeping forces here.

The violations impudently challenge numerous resolutions of the United Nations and decisions of the Summit of the States members of the Commonwealth of Independent States adopted in Moscow on 19 January 1996.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia considers that the continuous violations in Abkhazia will lead to the most dramatic consequences and will not promote the settlement of the conflict.